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MEMORANDUM FOR: Hon. Walt W. Rostow  
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The White House

Hon. Robert S. McNamara  
Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon

Hon. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach  
Under Secretary of State  
Department of State

Hon. Paul H. Nitze  
Deputy Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon

General Earle G. Wheeler  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Pentagon

SUBJECT: OXCART Reconnaissance of North Korea

1. Reference our meeting in the White House on this date I am alerting an OXCART mission for photo reconnaissance of North Korea. The photo coverage of North Korea will be as indicated on the attached map (Attachment 1).

2. The OXCART mission has been alerted to take off on 25 January at 2100 EST (1100/26 January and return four and 1/2 hours later. (See Attachment 2) The film will be offloaded immediately and airlifted to Eastman Kodak, Rochester, New York, to arrive at approximately 0430 EST on 27 January. The processed film will be delivered immediately to NPIC with an arrival time of 1440 EST on 28 January.

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3. The weather forecast for this mission indicates Category II (25% or less cloud cover) weather conditions for the target area.

4. No additional resources or support over and above those normally used on OXCART North Vietnam operational sorties will be required for this mission.

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Richard Helms  
Director

This mission will fly unless one of the addressees indicates an objection to me or Admiral Taylor prior to 1700 EST 25 January 1968.

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